

HARMONIC MAASS FORMS AND PERIODS

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ABSTRACT. According to Waldspurger’s theorem, the coefficients of half-integral weight eigenforms are given by central critical values of twisted Hecke L -functions, and therefore by periods. Here we prove that the coefficients of weight $1/2$ harmonic Maass forms are determined by periods of algebraic differentials of the third kind on modular and elliptic curves.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Fourier expansions of half integral weight modular forms serve as generating series of important number theoretic functions, such as representation numbers of quadratic forms and class numbers of imaginary quadratic fields. The Shimura correspondence [Sh] provides a map from holomorphic modular forms of half-integral weight $k + 1/2$ to forms of weight $2k$, which is compatible with the action of the Hecke algebra. A celebrated result of Waldspurger [Wa] and Kohnen–Zagier [KZ] says that the coefficients of square-free index of a Hecke eigenform g of weight $k + 1/2$ are given by the central critical values of the quadratic twists of the Hecke L -function of the Shimura lift of g . There are many applications, in particular in connection with the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture.

Variants of Waldspurger’s theorem also hold for non-holomorphic modular forms. Katok and Sarnak considered the Shimura correspondence between Maass cusp forms of weights $1/2$ and 0 . They showed that the coefficients of a Maass eigenform φ of weight $1/2$ are determined by cycle integrals and CM values of the Maass eigenform of weight 0 corresponding to φ under the Shimura lift. Such results are crucial in Duke’s work on the equidistribution of CM points on modular curves [Du].

In the present paper we study the coefficients of harmonic weak Maass forms of weight $1/2$. We prove that they are given by period integrals of algebraic differential forms on modular and elliptic curves. This leads to a refinement and a strengthening of recent results of Ono and the author (see [BO], and Theorem 3.2 here) relating the coefficients to central values and derivatives of twisted Hecke L -functions.

We now describe the content of the present paper in more detail. Throughout, for τ in the complex upper half plane \mathbb{H} , we let $\tau = u + iv$, where $u, v \in \mathbb{R}$, and we let $q := e^{2\pi i \tau}$. A harmonic weak¹ Maass form of weight $k \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$ on $\Gamma_0(N)$ (with $4 \mid N$ if $k \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$) is a smooth function on \mathbb{H} , the upper half of the complex plane, which satisfies:

- (i) $f|_k \gamma = f$ for all $\gamma \in \Gamma_0(N)$;

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¹For brevity we will often drop the attribute “weak” in this paper.

- (ii) $\Delta_k f = 0$, where Δ_k is the weight k hyperbolic Laplacian on \mathbb{H} ;
- (iii) there is a polynomial $P_f(q) = \sum_{n \leq 0} c^+(n)q^n \in \mathbb{C}[q^{-1}]$ such that $f(\tau) - P_f(q) \rightarrow 0$ as $v \rightarrow \infty$. Analogous conditions are required at all cusps (see [BF]).

The polynomial P_f is called the principal part of f (at the cusp ∞).

Such a harmonic Maass form f has a Fourier expansion of the form

$$(1) \quad f(\tau) = \sum_{n \geq n_0} c^+(n)q^n + \sum_{n < 0} c^-(n)\Gamma(1-k, 4\pi|n|v)q^n,$$

where $\Gamma(a, x)$ denotes the incomplete gamma function. The differential operator $\xi(f) = 2iv^k \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{\tau}}$ takes harmonic Maass forms of weight k to cusp forms of dual weight $2-k$. The coefficients $c^-(n)$ of the non-holomorphic part of f are up to an elementary factor equal to the coefficients of the cusp form $\xi(f)$, while the coefficients $c^+(n)$ of the holomorphic part are rather mysterious.

Harmonic Maass forms have been a source of recent interest due to their connection to Ramanujan's mock theta functions, see e.g. [BriO], [BOR], [On], [Za], [Zw1], [Zw2]. The mock theta functions correspond to harmonic Maass forms of weight $1/2$ whose image under the differential operator ξ is a linear combination of unary weight $3/2$ theta series. Their coefficients often have combinatorial interpretations.

In the present paper we consider (similarly as in [BO]) those harmonic Maass forms f of weight $1/2$ for which $\xi(f)$ is orthogonal to all unary theta series of weight $3/2$. From an arithmetic perspective, this case is of particular interest, since the Shimura lift of $\xi(f)$ is a weight 2 *cuspidal form*, which leads to a connection to elliptic curves.

Our main result is an explicit formula for the coefficients $c^+(n)$ in terms of periods of algebraic differentials. To illustrate it, we consider as an example the unique harmonic Maass form f_3 of weight $1/2$ in the Kohnen plus space for $\Gamma_0(4 \cdot 37)$ whose principal part at the cusp ∞ is given by q^{-3} . The coefficients $c^\pm(n)$ can be numerically computed (see [BS]), the first few are listed in Table 1.

TABLE 1. The first few coefficients of f_3

Δ	$c^+(\Delta)$
1	-0.281761784989599568797560755375154934...
12	-0.488527238262012252282270296073370716...
21	-0.172739257232652756520820073970689922...
28	0.678193995303947798284505784006694209...
33	0.566302320159069981682205456692456226...

The image of f_3 under the differential operator ξ is the cusp form of weight $3/2$ whose Shimura lift is the eigenform G of weight 2 and level 37 corresponding to the elliptic curve

$$E : y^2 = 4x^3 - 4x + 1$$

of conductor 37. The Mordell-Weil group of E is infinite cyclic with generator $(0, -1)$. The meromorphic differential $\frac{-1}{x} \frac{dx}{y}$ on E is of the third kind. It is regular up to first order poles at the points $(0, -1)$ and $(0, 1)$ with residues 1 and -1 , respectively. It turns out that with the two periods

$$\begin{aligned}\Theta &= \Re \left(\int_{E(\mathbb{R})} \frac{-1}{2x} \frac{dx}{y} \right) = -1.68688450290973441728 \dots, \\ \Omega &= \int_{E(\mathbb{R})} \frac{dx}{y} = 5.9869172924639192 \dots,\end{aligned}$$

we have $c^+(1) = \Theta/\Omega!$

This identity is a consequence of a more general result on differentials of the third kind on modular curves. Let G be a newform of weight 2 for $\Gamma_0(N)$. For any Hecke operator T , let $\lambda_G(T)$ be the corresponding eigenvalue. Throughout this introduction we assume for simplicity that the level N is a prime and that G is defined over \mathbb{Q} and invariant under the Fricke involution. Then the L -function of G has an odd functional equation. The case of general level, Fricke eigenvalue and field of definition is treated in the body of the paper by working with vector valued modular forms.

According to [BO, Lemma 7.3], there exists a harmonic Maass form f of weight $1/2$ in the Kohnen plus space for $\Gamma_0(4N)$ such that

- (i) $P_f \in \mathbb{Z}[q^{-1}]$ and the constant term vanishes,
- (ii) the Shimura lift of $\xi(f)$ is equal to G .

As before we denote the Fourier coefficients of f by $c^\pm(n)$. Waldspurger's theorem and the action of ξ on the Fourier expansion imply that for negative fundamental discriminants Δ with $(\frac{\Delta}{N}) = 1$ we have

$$L(G, \chi_\Delta, 1) = C\sqrt{|\Delta|} \cdot c^-(\Delta)^2,$$

where $C > 0$ is a constant which does not depend on Δ .

To describe the coefficients $c^+(\Delta)$ of the holomorphic part we consider differentials of the third kind associated with Heegner divisors. Let $d < 0$ and $\Delta > 0$ be fundamental discriminants which are both squares modulo N . Let $\mathcal{Q}_{d,N}$ be the set of discriminant $d = b^2 - 4ac$ integral binary quadratic forms $aX^2 + bXY + cY^2$ with the property that $N \mid a$. Recall that there is a twisted Heegner divisor $Z_\Delta(d)$ on the modular curve $X = X_0(N)$ defined by

$$(2) \quad Z_\Delta(d) = \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}_{\Delta d, N}/\Gamma_0(N)} \chi_\Delta(Q) \cdot \frac{\alpha_Q}{w_Q}.$$

Here χ_Δ denotes the generalized genus character corresponding to the decomposition $\Delta \cdot d$ as in [GKZ], α_Q is the unique root of $Q(x, 1)$ in \mathbb{H} , and w_Q denotes the order of the stabilizer of Q in $\Gamma_0(N)$. The field of definition of $Z_\Delta(d)$ is $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta})$.

We associate a divisor $Z_\Delta(f)$ with the harmonic Maass form f by putting

$$(3) \quad Z_\Delta(f) = \sum_{n < 0} c^+(n) Z_\Delta(n) \in \text{Div}^0(X).$$

According to [BO, Theorem 7.5], the class of $Z_\Delta(f)$ lies in the G -isotypical component of the the Jacobian of X .

Recall that a differential of the third kind on X is a meromorphic 1-form ψ that has at most simple poles with integral residues. If ψ has its poles at the points $P_j \in X$ with residues c_j , then the divisor

$$\text{res}(\psi) = \sum_j c_j \cdot P_j$$

is called the residue divisor of ψ . The Hecke algebra acts on differentials of the third kind. In Proposition 2.4 we will show that there exists a unique differential of the third kind $\zeta_\Delta(f)$ on X with the following properties:

- (i) The residue divisor is given by $\text{res}(\zeta_\Delta(f)) = Z_\Delta(f)$.
- (ii) The differential $\zeta_\Delta(f)$ is G -isotypical, that is, for all Hecke operators T , the differential $T\psi_\Delta(f) - \lambda_G(T)\psi_\Delta(f)$ is equal to $\frac{dF}{F}$ for a rational function $F \in \mathbb{C}(X)^\times$.
- (iii) The first Fourier coefficient of $\zeta_\Delta(f)$ vanishes.

The differential $\zeta_\Delta(f)$ is called the normalized differential of the third kind for $Z_\Delta(f)$. It is defined over $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta})$.

Let $H_1^+(X, \mathbb{R})$ be the subspace of the first homology of X which is invariant under the involution induced by complex conjugation. The Hecke algebra also acts on this space and decomposes it into isotypical components. Let C_G be a generator of the G -isotypical component. Our first main result (see Theorem 3.3) states:

Theorem 1.1. *Let $\omega_G = 2\pi i \cdot G(z) dz$, and let $\zeta_\Delta(f)$ be as before. For any fundamental discriminant $\Delta > 0$ which is a square modulo N we have*

$$c^+(\Delta) = \frac{\Re \int_{C_G} \zeta_\Delta(f)}{\sqrt{\Delta} \int_{C_G} \omega_G}.$$

Remark 1. Note that a result of Waldschmidt on the transcendence of periods of differentials of the third kind (see Section 5.2 of [W], and Theorem 2 of [Sch]) implies that the right hand side is algebraic if and only if $Z_\Delta(f)$ defines a torsion point in the Jacobian. Combining this with the Gross-Zagier formula [GZ], it can be deduced that

$$c^+(\Delta) \in \mathbb{Q} \Leftrightarrow c^+(\Delta) \in \bar{\mathbb{Q}} \Leftrightarrow L'(G, \chi_\Delta, 1) = 0,$$

which can be viewed as a weak version of Waldspurger's theorem for central derivatives of quadratic twists of Hecke L -functions (see [BO]).

Let E be an elliptic curve over \mathbb{Q} corresponding to the newform G . To relate the coefficients of f to periods of differentials on E we use a modular parameterization $\phi : X \rightarrow E$. The divisor $Z_\Delta(f)$ gives rise to a point $P_\Delta(f) = (x_\Delta, y_\Delta)$ in $E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta}))$. It is mapped to its negative under the non-trivial automorphism ι of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta})$ and therefore defines a rational point on the Δ -th quadratic twist of E . The differential

$$(4) \quad \beta_\Delta(f) = \frac{y_\Delta}{2(x - x_\Delta)} \cdot \frac{dx}{y}$$

on E is of the third kind and has the residue divisor $\frac{1}{2}(P_\Delta(f)) - \frac{1}{2}(-P_\Delta(f))$. It is defined over $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta})$ and ι takes it to its negative. We show that its period over $E(\mathbb{R})$ is related to the coefficient $c^+(\Delta)$ (see Theorem 4.1):

Theorem 1.2. *The quantity*

$$(5) \quad c^+(\Delta) - \frac{c_E}{\sqrt{\Delta}\Omega(E)} \cdot \Re \int_{E(\mathbb{R})} \beta_\Delta(f).$$

is rational. Here $\Omega(E)$ denotes the real period, and c_E denotes the Manin constant of E .

Note that $\beta_\Delta(f)$ is determined by its residue divisor and the action of $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{C})$ only up to addition of a rational multiple of $\sqrt{\Delta} \frac{dx}{y}$.

It might be possible to refine Theorem 1.2 by working with a minimal Weierstrass model \mathcal{W} of E over \mathbb{Z} . We show that there exists a rational section of the sheaf $\Omega_{\mathcal{W}/\mathbb{Z}}^1$ of relative differentials whose residue divisor is the Zariski closure of $\frac{1}{2}(P_\Delta(f)) - \frac{1}{2}(-P_\Delta(f))$ up to possible vertical components with bounded multiplicities above 2. We conjecture that if one replaces $\beta_\Delta(f)$ by such a differential, then the analogue of (5) will be contained in $\frac{1}{4}\mathbb{Z}$, see Conjecture 4.4. We present some numerical data supporting this in Section 4.1.

The present paper is organized as follows: In Section 2 we study differentials of the third kind on modular curves. In particular we consider their pairing with the first homology and the action of the Hecke algebra. In Section 3 we collect some facts on harmonic Maass forms and Heegner divisors. We prove our main result by comparing the canonical differentials for certain Heegner divisors constructed in [BO] with the differentials $\zeta_\Delta(f)$. In Section 4 we consider the applications to rational elliptic curves.

The idea for the comparison of differentials in Section 3 is motivated by [KonZ, Section 3.5]. I would like to thank Don Zagier for drawing my attention to this work. I also thank him and Ken Ono for inspiring and helpful conversations.

2. DIFFERENTIALS OF THE THIRD KIND

We begin by recalling some facts about differentials on algebraic curves, see e.g. [GH]. Let X be a non-singular projective curve over \mathbb{C} of genus g . A differential of the first kind on X is a holomorphic 1-form. A differential of the second kind is a meromorphic 1-form on X whose residues all vanish. A differential of the third kind on X is a meromorphic 1-form on X whose poles are all of first order with residues in \mathbb{Z} . In Section 2.1 and the subsequent sections we will relax the condition on the integrality of the residues. Let ψ be a differential of the third kind on X that has poles at the points P_j , with residues c_j , and is holomorphic elsewhere. Then the *residue divisor* of ψ is

$$\text{res}(\psi) := \sum_j c_j P_j.$$

By the residue theorem, the restriction of this divisor to any component of X has degree 0.

Conversely, if $D = \sum_j c_j P_j$ is any divisor on X whose restriction to any component of X has degree 0, then the Riemann-Roch theorem and Serre duality imply that there is a

differential ψ_D of the third kind with residue divisor D (see e.g. [GH], p. 233). Moreover, ψ_D is determined by this condition up to addition of a differential of the first kind. Let $U = X \setminus \{P_j\}$. The canonical homomorphism $H_1(U, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_1(X, \mathbb{Z})$ is surjective and its kernel is spanned by the classes of small circles δ_j around the points P_j . In particular, we have $\int_{\delta_j} \psi_D = 2\pi i c_j$.

Using the Riemann period relations, it can be shown that there is a unique differential of the third kind η_D on X with residue divisor D such that

$$\Re \left(\int_{\gamma} \eta_D \right) = 0$$

for all $\gamma \in H_1(U, \mathbb{Z})$. It is called the *canonical differential of the third kind* associated with D . For instance, if f is a meromorphic function on X , then df/f is a canonical differential of the third kind on X with residue divisor $\text{div}(f)$.

Let $\bar{\mathbb{Q}} \subset \mathbb{C}$ be the algebraic closure of \mathbb{Q} in \mathbb{C} . For the rest of this section we assume that X is defined over \mathbb{Q} . Moreover, we assume that the divisor D is defined over a number field $F \subset \bar{\mathbb{Q}}$. Results by Waldschmidt on the transcendence of periods of differentials of the third kind (see Section 5.2 of [W], and Theorem 2 of [Sch]) imply the following theorem.

Theorem 2.1 (Scholl). *If some non-zero multiple of D is a principal divisor, then η_D is defined over F . Otherwise, η_D is not defined over $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$.*

We let $J = J(X)$ be the Jacobian of X over \mathbb{Q} . If $k \subset \mathbb{C}$ is a subfield, we denote by $J(k)$ the group of k -valued points of J . It can be described as the quotient of the group $\text{Div}(X, k)^0$ of degree 0 divisors on X which are rational over k modulo the subgroup of principal divisors $\text{div}(f)$ for $f \in k(X)^\times$. If k is a number field, $J(k)$ is a finitely generated abelian group.

Let $\Omega(X, k)$ denote the space of differentials of the first kind on X defined over k . We write $\mathcal{D}(X, k)$ for the group of differentials of the third kind on X defined over k . We write $\mathcal{P}(X, k)$ for the subgroup of differentials of the third kind of the form df/f where $f \in k(X)^\times$ is a rational function defined over k . Moreover, we put

$$\mathcal{CL}(X, k) = \mathcal{D}(X, k) / \mathcal{P}(X, k).$$

Associating to a differential of the third kind its residue divisor induces the exact sequence of abelian groups:

$$(6) \quad 0 \longrightarrow \Omega(X, k) \longrightarrow \mathcal{CL}(X, k) \longrightarrow J(k) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Let $K \subset \mathbb{C}$ be a subfield, and denote by $k \cdot K$ the compositum of k and K . We put $J(k)_K = J(k) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} K$ and $\text{Div}(X, k)_K^0 = \text{Div}(X, k)^0 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} K$. We write $\mathcal{D}(X, k)_K$ for the group of meromorphic differentials on X defined over $k \cdot K$ whose poles are all of first order and whose residue divisor belongs to $\text{Div}(X, k)_K^0$. We write $\mathcal{P}(X, k)_K$ for the subgroup of differentials which are finite K -linear combinations of differentials of the form df/f with $f \in k(X)^\times$. Moreover, we put

$$\mathcal{CL}(X, k)_K = \mathcal{D}(X, k)_K / \mathcal{P}(X, k)_K.$$

We also have the exact sequence of K -vector spaces

$$(7) \quad 0 \longrightarrow \Omega(X, k \cdot K) \longrightarrow \mathcal{CL}(X, k)_K \longrightarrow J(k)_K \longrightarrow 0.$$

2.1. Differentials of the third kind on modular curves. Here we study the action of the Hecke algebra on differentials of the third kind on modular curves.

Let N be a positive integer, and let $X = X_0(N)$ be the modular curve of level N associated with the group $\Gamma_0(N)$. We write J for the Jacobian of X . Let $S_2(N)$ be the space of cusp forms of weight 2 with respect to $\Gamma_0(N)$. We identify $S_2(N)$ with $\Omega(X, \mathbb{C})$ by the map $G \mapsto \omega_G = 2\pi i \cdot G(z) dz$. A meromorphic differential ψ on X has a Fourier expansion of the form

$$\psi = 2\pi i \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} c(n) e^{2\pi i n z} dz.$$

We refer to $c(n)$ as the n -th Fourier coefficient of ψ .

Let $k \subset \mathbb{C}$ be a number field. By the q -expansion principle, the elements of $\Omega(X, k)$ can be identified with those differentials whose Fourier coefficients are contained in k . The abstract Hecke algebra \mathbb{T} of $\Gamma_0(N)$ acts on X by correspondences, which are defined over \mathbb{Q} . This induces compatible actions of \mathbb{T} on $\Omega(X, k)$, $\mathcal{CL}(X, k)$ and $J(k)$.

Throughout this section, let $G \in S_2(N)$ be a (normalized) newform. We denote by $K = K_G$ the field of definition of G , that is, the totally real number field generated by the Hecke eigenvalues of G .

Proposition 2.2. *There is an element of $\mathbb{T} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} K$ such that the corresponding Hecke operator on $S_2(N)$ is the orthogonal projection $\mathbb{C}G$.*

Proof. Let $T \in \mathbb{T}$. Since G is a newform, we have $TG = \lambda_T G$ with some eigenvalue $\lambda_T \in K$.

We first show that the orthogonal projection to the eigenspace

$$E(T, \lambda_T) = \{F \in S_2(N); TF = \lambda_T F\}$$

is given by an element of $\mathbb{T} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} K$. To this end, let $P_T(X) \in \mathbb{Q}[X]$ be the characteristic polynomial of the endomorphism of $S_2(N)$ corresponding to T . We write

$$P_T(X) = (X - \lambda_T)^\mu \cdot Q(X),$$

where μ is the algebraic multiplicity of the eigenvalue λ_T and $Q \in K[X]$ is a polynomial with $Q(\lambda_T) \neq 0$. Then $Q(T) \in \mathbb{T} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} K$ acts by multiplication with $Q(\lambda_T)$ on $E(T, \lambda_T)$ and takes any eigenform in the orthogonal complement to zero. Consequently,

$$(8) \quad A(T) := \frac{Q(T)}{Q(\lambda_T)} \in \mathbb{T} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} K$$

induces the orthogonal projection to $E(T, \lambda_T)$.

If p is a prime, we write λ_p for the eigenvalue of T_p corresponding G . Since G is a newform, multiplicity one implies that there exist primes p_1, \dots, p_r , such that the common eigenspace of the T_{p_i} is given by

$$E(T_{p_1}, \lambda_{p_1}) \cap \dots \cap E(T_{p_r}, \lambda_{p_r}) = \mathbb{C}G.$$

The product $A(T_{p_1}) \cdots A(T_{p_r})$ of the elements of $\mathbb{T} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} K$ corresponding to T_{p_i} as in (8) induces the orthogonal projection to $\mathbb{C}G$. \square

Proposition 2.2 implies that the G -isotypical component $J(k)_{\mathbb{C}}^G$ of $J(k)_{\mathbb{C}}$ corresponding to G is defined over K , that is, it has a basis consisting of elements of $J(k)_K$. Analogously, the G -isotypical component $\mathcal{CL}(X, k)_{\mathbb{C}}^G$ of $\mathcal{CL}(X, k)_{\mathbb{C}}$ is defined over K .

If $\alpha \in \mathcal{D}(X, k)_{\mathbb{C}}$ and $\beta \in \Omega(X, \mathbb{C})$, we denote their L^2 -pairing by

$$\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle = \int_X \alpha \wedge \bar{\beta}.$$

It is a consequence of Stokes' theorem that the pairing vanishes if $\alpha \in \mathcal{P}(X, k)_{\mathbb{C}}$. Therefore it induces a pairing of $\mathcal{CL}(X, k)_{\mathbb{C}}$ and $\Omega(X, \mathbb{C})$. Moreover, the usual argument shows that the Hecke operators are self adjoint with respect to this pairing.

Proposition 2.3. *Let $D \in \text{Div}(X, k)_K^0$ be a divisor whose class in $J(k)_K$ lies in the G -isotypical component.*

- (i) *There is a $\zeta_D \in \mathcal{D}(X, k)_K$ with $\text{res}(\zeta_D) = D$ whose class belongs to the G -isotypical component of $\mathcal{CL}(X, k)_K$.*
- (ii) *The following sequence is exact:*

$$0 \longrightarrow (k \cdot K)\omega_G \longrightarrow \mathcal{CL}(X, k)_K^G \longrightarrow J(k)_K^G \longrightarrow 0.$$

Proof. i) By the Riemann-Roch theorem and Serre duality, there is a differential of the third kind $\psi_D \in \mathcal{D}(X, k)_K$ with residue divisor D .

According to Proposition 2.2, there is an element $T \in \mathbb{T} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} K$ such that the corresponding Hecke operator on $S_2(N)$ is the orthogonal projection to the G -isotypical component. We have $\text{res}(T\psi_D) = TD$. Since the class of D is G -isotypical, we find that

$$\text{res}(T\psi_D - \psi_D) = 0 \in J(k)_K.$$

In view of (7) there exists an $\alpha \in \mathcal{P}(X, k)_K$ such that

$$\beta := T\psi_D - \psi_D - \alpha \in \Omega(X, k \cdot K).$$

Observe that $T\beta = 0$. In fact, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle T\beta, T\beta \rangle &= \langle \beta, T\beta \rangle \\ &= \langle T\psi_D, T\beta \rangle - \langle \psi_D, T\beta \rangle - \langle \alpha, T\beta \rangle \\ &= \langle \psi_D, T^2\beta \rangle - \langle \psi_D, T\beta \rangle \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

We claim that

$$\zeta_D := \psi_D + \beta$$

has the required properties. To see this we note that $\text{res}(\zeta_D) = \text{res}(\psi_D) = D$, and

$$\begin{aligned} T\zeta_D - \zeta_D &= T\psi_D + T\beta - \psi_D - \beta \\ &= T\psi_D - \psi_D - \beta \\ &= \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, the class of ζ_D belongs to the G -isotypical component of $\mathcal{CL}(X, k)_K$.

ii) The second statement is a direct consequence of the first. \square

Proposition 2.4. *Let $D \in \text{Div}(X, k)_K^0$ be a divisor whose class in $J(k)_K$ lies in the G -isotypical component. Then there is a unique $\zeta_D \in \mathcal{D}(X, k)_K$ with the following properties:*

- (i) *The residue divisor is given by $\text{res}(\zeta_D) = D$.*
- (ii) *The class of ζ_D belongs to the G -isotypical component of $\mathcal{CL}(X, k)_K$.*
- (iii) *The first Fourier coefficient of ζ_D vanishes.*

Proof. According to Proposition 2.3, there exists a differential $\psi_D \in \mathcal{D}(X, k)_K$ satisfying (i) and (ii). Then for any $a \in k \cdot K$, the linear combination

$$\psi_D + a\omega_G$$

satisfies (i) and (ii) as well. We write $c(1)$ for the first Fourier coefficient of ψ_D . Since the first Fourier coefficient of ω_G is equal to 1, we obtain a differential ζ_D with the required properties by choosing $a = -c(1)$.

If $\tilde{\zeta}_D$ is another differential satisfying (i)–(iii), then $\delta := \tilde{\zeta}_D - \zeta_D$ has residue divisor 0 and is therefore holomorphic. Because of property (ii) and multiplicity one for the newform G , the differential δ is a multiple of ω_G . Since the first coefficient of δ vanishes, we find that $\delta = 0$, and thereby $\tilde{\zeta}_D = \zeta_D$. \square

Definition 2.5. We call the differential ζ_D in Proposition 2.4 the *normalized differential of the third kind* associated with D .

2.2. Comparing canonical and normalized differentials of the third kind. Let $H_1(X, \mathbb{R}) = H_1(X, \mathbb{Z}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R}$ be the first homology of X with real coefficients. The map $\mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$, $z \mapsto -\bar{z}$ induces a real analytic automorphism σ of the modular curve X . It induces an \mathbb{R} -linear involution on $H_1(X, \mathbb{R})$. We let $H_1^{\pm}(X, \mathbb{R})$ be the eigenspaces corresponding to the eigenvalues ± 1 . The map σ also induces an \mathbb{R} -linear involution on $\mathcal{D}(X, k)_{\mathbb{C}}$, which we also denote by σ . If we view the elements of $\mathcal{D}(X, k)_{\mathbb{C}}$ as meromorphic modular forms of weight 2, then σ corresponds to the involution given by complex conjugation of the Fourier coefficients. We denote the eigenspaces associated with the eigenvalues ± 1 by $\mathcal{D}(X, k)_{\mathbb{C}}^{\pm}$. Analogously, we write $\Omega(X, \mathbb{C})^{\pm}$ for the eigenspaces of σ on the holomorphic differentials. Note that $\Omega(X, \mathbb{C})^{\pm}$ can be identified with the subspace of elements of $S_2(N)$ with real (respectively imaginary) Fourier coefficients.

We consider the bilinear pairing

$$(9) \quad \Omega(X, \mathbb{C}) \times H_1(X, \mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad (\omega, C) \mapsto \langle \omega, C \rangle = \int_C \omega.$$

It is well known that the restriction

$$(10) \quad \Omega(X, \mathbb{C})^{\pm} \times H_1^{\pm}(X, \mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

takes real values and defines a non-degenerate \mathbb{R} -bilinear pairing (see e.g. [Cr, Chapter 2]). The Hecke algebra \mathbb{T} acts on $H_1^{\pm}(X, \mathbb{R})$, and for $T \in \mathbb{T}$ we have $\langle T\omega, C \rangle = \langle \omega, TC \rangle$. If $G \in S_2(N)$ is a newform, then we write $H_1^{\pm, G}(X, \mathbb{R})$ for the corresponding G -isotypical component of $H_1^{\pm}(X, \mathbb{R})$. It is a one-dimensional subspace. We fix a generator $C_G^{\pm} \in$

$H_1^{\pm, G}(X, \mathbb{R})$. Proposition 2.2 implies that C_G^{\pm} can be chosen in $H_1^{\pm}(X, K)$, but we do not require this at the moment.

We extend the pairing (10) to an \mathbb{R} -bilinear pairing

$$(11) \quad \mathcal{D}(X, k)_{\mathbb{R}} \times H_1(X, \mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad (\psi, C) \mapsto \Re \langle \psi, C \rangle = \Re \int_C \psi.$$

Here, to compute the integral, we take a representative for C which is disjoint from the support of $\text{res}(\psi)$. By the residue theorem, the value of the pairing is independent of the choice of such a representative. By Stokes' theorem, the pairing vanishes if $\psi \in \mathcal{P}(X, k)_{\mathbb{R}}$.

If $D \in \text{Div}(X, k)^0$, then the canonical differential of the third kind corresponding to D is the unique differential $\eta_D \in \mathcal{D}(X, k)_{\mathbb{R}}$ such that $\text{res}(\eta_D) = D$ and $\Re \langle \eta_D, C \rangle = 0$ for all $C \in H_1(X, \mathbb{R})$. The following proposition compares canonical and normalized differentials. Let $\text{Div}(X, k)_K^{0, \pm}$ be the eigenspace of σ on $\text{Div}(X, k)_K^0$ corresponding to the eigenvalue ± 1 .

Theorem 2.6. *Let $D \in \text{Div}(X, k)_K^{0, \pm}$ be a divisor whose class in $J(k)_K$ lies in the G -isotypical component. Let η_D be the canonical differential of the third kind associated with D , and let ζ_D be the normalized differential of the third kind associated with D . Then we have*

$$\eta_D = \zeta_D - \frac{\Re \langle \zeta_D, C_G^{\pm} \rangle}{\langle \omega_G, C_G^{\pm} \rangle} \cdot \omega_G.$$

Proof. Since $\text{res}(\eta_D) = \text{res}(\zeta_D)$, the difference $\delta := \eta_D - \zeta_D$ is a holomorphic differential in $\Omega(X, k \cdot \mathbb{R})$. It is easily checked that $\sigma(\eta_D) = \eta_{\sigma(D)}$ and $\sigma(\zeta_D) = \zeta_{\sigma(D)}$. Hence the assumption on D implies that $\delta \in \Omega(X, k \cdot \mathbb{R})^{\pm}$. To determine δ , we compute its pairing with $H_1^{\pm}(X, \mathbb{R})$.

According to Proposition 2.2, there is an element $T \in \mathbb{T} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} K_G$ such that the corresponding Hecke operator on $S_2(N)$ is the orthogonal projection to the G -isotypical component. For $C \in H_1^{\pm}(X, \mathbb{R})$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle T\delta, C \rangle &= \Re \langle \eta_D, TC \rangle - \Re \langle T\zeta_D, C \rangle \\ &= -\Re \langle \zeta_D, C \rangle \\ &= \langle \delta, C \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Here we have used that η_D is a canonical differential and that ζ_D is G -isotypical. Since the pairing (10) is non-degenerate, we find that $T\delta = \delta$. So $\delta = a\omega_G$ for some $a \in \mathbb{C}$. Using the action of σ we see that $a \in \mathbb{R}$ if $D \in \text{Div}(X, k)_K^{0, +}$, and $a \in i\mathbb{R}$ if $D \in \text{Div}(X, k)_K^{0, -}$.

To determine a , we compute the pairing with C_G^{\pm} . We obtain

$$a \langle \omega_G, C_G^{\pm} \rangle = \langle \delta, C_G^{\pm} \rangle = -\Re \langle \zeta_D, C_G^{\pm} \rangle.$$

Since the pairing (10) is non-degenerate, the quantity $\langle \omega_G, C_G^{\pm} \rangle$ does not vanish, and therefore

$$\delta = -\frac{\Re \langle \zeta_D, C_G^{\pm} \rangle}{\langle \omega_G, C_G^{\pm} \rangle} \cdot \omega_G.$$

This concludes the proof of the proposition. \square

The following corollary gives an interpretation of the first Fourier coefficient of η_D as the quotient of two periods of algebraic differentials on X .

Corollary 2.7. *Let $D \in \text{Div}(X, k)_K^{0, \pm}$ be a divisor whose class in $J(k)_K$ lies in the G -isotypical component. The first Fourier coefficient of η_D is given by*

$$(12) \quad -\frac{\Re\langle \zeta_D, C_G^\pm \rangle}{\langle \omega_G, C_G^\pm \rangle}.$$

Remark 2. When $K = \mathbb{Q}$, then Theorem 2.1 implies that the quantity (12) is algebraic if and only if the image of D in $J(k)_K$ vanishes.

The next corollary gives an alternative characterization of the normalized differential of the third kind corresponding to D .

Corollary 2.8. *Let $D \in \text{Div}(X, k)_K^0$ be a degree 0 divisor whose class in $J(k)_K$ lies in the G -isotypical component. Then there is a unique $\zeta_D \in \mathcal{D}(X, k)_\mathbb{R}$ with the following properties:*

- (i) *The residue divisor is given by $\text{res}(\zeta_D) = D$.*
- (ii) *We have $\Re\langle \zeta_D, C \rangle = 0$ for all $C \in H_1(X, \mathbb{R})$ with $\langle \omega_G, C \rangle = 0$.*
- (iii) *The first Fourier coefficient of ζ_D vanishes.*

In view of Proposition 2.4, such a ζ_D will automatically be contained in $\mathcal{D}(X, k)_K$.

3. HARMONIC MAASS FORMS AND HEEGNER DIVISORS

Here we relate periods of normalized differentials of the third kind associated with Heegner divisors to coefficients of harmonic Maass forms. We use $\tau = u + iv$ with $u, v \in \mathbb{R}$ as a standard variable in the upper complex half plane \mathbb{H} . Let N be a positive integer and let $X = X_0(N)$ be the (projective) modular curve of level N associated with $\Gamma_0(N)$. As before, we write J for the Jacobian of X .

3.1. Twisted Heegner divisors. Let $d, h \in \mathbb{Z}$ be integers such that $d \equiv h^2 \pmod{4N}$. Let $\mathcal{Q}_{d,h}$ be the set of integral binary quadratic forms $Q = [Na, b, c]$ of discriminant $b^2 - 4Nac = d$ for which $b \equiv h \pmod{2N}$. Here $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$. The group $\Gamma_0(N)$ acts on $\mathcal{Q}_{d,h}$ with finitely many orbits. If $d < 0$, we write α_Q for the Heegner point associated with Q , that is, the zero in \mathbb{H} of the polynomial $aX^2 + bX + c \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$. In this case we write w_Q for the order of the (finite) stabilizer of Q in $\Gamma_0(N)$.

Let $\Delta \in \mathbb{Z}$ be a *fundamental* discriminant and r be an integer such that $\Delta \equiv r^2 \pmod{4N}$. If $\Delta \mid d$ and d/Δ is also a square modulo $4N$, then we have a ‘genus character’ χ_Δ on $\mathcal{Q}_{d,h}$ given by

$$\chi_\Delta(Q) = \chi_\Delta([Na, b, c]) := \begin{cases} \left(\frac{\Delta}{n}\right), & \text{if } \gcd(a, b, c, \Delta) = 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Here n is any integer prime to Δ represented by one of the quadratic forms $[N_1a, b, N_2c]$ with $N_1N_2 = N$ and $N_1, N_2 > 0$. Such an integer exists and the value of $\left(\frac{\Delta}{n}\right)$ is independent of the choice of N_1, N_2 , and n (see Section 1.2 of [GKZ], and also Section 1 of [Sk2]).

Now assume that d and Δ are discriminants with opposite sign. Then Δd is a negative discriminant which is a square modulo $4N$. We define the *twisted Heegner divisor* $Z_{\Delta,r}(d, h)$ by

$$(13) \quad Z_{\Delta,r}(d, h) := \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}_{\Delta d, rh}/\Gamma_0(N)} \chi_{\Delta}(Q) \cdot \frac{\alpha_Q}{w_Q}.$$

Then $Z_{\Delta,r}(d, h)$ is a divisor on X defined over $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta})$ (see [BO], Lemma 5.1). We have that $\sigma Z_{\Delta,r}(d, h) = \text{sgn}(\Delta) Z_{\Delta,r}(d, h)$. The divisor $Z_{\Delta,r}(d, h)$ has degree 0 unless $\Delta = 1$, in which case the degree is the Hurwitz class number $H(d)$. The divisor

$$(14) \quad y_{\Delta,r}(d, h) := Z_{\Delta,r}(d, h) - \deg(Z_{\Delta,r}(d, h)) \cdot \infty$$

has degree 0 for any Δ . It defines a point in $J(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta}))$.

3.2. Harmonic Maass forms. We write $\text{Mp}_2(\mathbb{R})$ for the metaplectic two-fold cover of $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$, realized as the group of pairs $(M, \phi(\tau))$, where $M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ and $\phi : \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a holomorphic function with $\phi(\tau)^2 = c\tau + d$, see e.g. [Bo], [Br]. We denote the inverse image of $\Gamma := \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ under the covering map by $\tilde{\Gamma} := \text{Mp}_2(\mathbb{Z})$. It is well known that $\tilde{\Gamma}$ is generated by $T := ((\frac{1}{0} \frac{1}{1}), 1)$, and $S := ((\frac{0}{1} \frac{-1}{0}), \sqrt{\tau})$.

Let N be a positive integer. There is a ‘Weil representation’ ρ of $\tilde{\Gamma}$ on $\mathbb{C}[Z/2N\mathbb{Z}]$, the group ring of the cyclic group of order $2N$. For a coset $h \in \mathbb{Z}/2N\mathbb{Z}$ we denote by \mathfrak{e}_h the corresponding standard basis vector of $\mathbb{C}[Z/2N\mathbb{Z}]$. In terms of the generators T and S of $\tilde{\Gamma}$, the representation ρ is given by

$$(15) \quad \rho(T)(\mathfrak{e}_h) = e\left(\frac{h^2}{4N}\right) \mathfrak{e}_h,$$

$$(16) \quad \rho(S)(\mathfrak{e}_h) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2iN}} \sum_{h' \in \mathbb{Z}/2N\mathbb{Z}} e\left(-\frac{hh'}{2N}\right) \mathfrak{e}_{h'}.$$

Here the sum runs through the elements of $\mathbb{Z}/2N\mathbb{Z}$ and we have put $e(a) = e^{2\pi ia}$. Note that ρ is the Weil representation associated with the one-dimensional positive definite lattice $K = (\mathbb{Z}, Nx^2)$ in the sense of [Bo], [Br], [BO]. It is unitary with respect to the standard scalar product.

If $k \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$, we write $M_{k,\rho}^!$ for the space of $\mathbb{C}[Z/2N\mathbb{Z}]$ -valued weakly holomorphic modular forms of weight k for $\tilde{\Gamma}$ with representation ρ . The subspace of holomorphic modular forms (respectively cusp forms) is denoted by $M_{k,\rho}$ (respectively $S_{k,\rho}$). According to [EZ, Chapter 5], the space $M_{k,\bar{\rho}}$ is isomorphic to $J_{k+1/2,N}$, the space of holomorphic Jacobi forms of weight $k+1/2$ and index N . According to [Sk1] and [SZ], $M_{k,\rho}$ is isomorphic to $J_{k+1/2,N}^{\text{skew}}$, the space of skew holomorphic Jacobi forms of weight $k+1/2$ and index N .

Let $k \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$. A twice continuously differentiable function $f : \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[Z/2N\mathbb{Z}]$ is called a *harmonic Maass form* (of weight k with respect to $\tilde{\Gamma}$ and ρ) if it satisfies:

- (i) $f(M\tau) = \phi(\tau)^{2k} \rho(M, \phi) f(\tau)$ for all $(M, \phi) \in \tilde{\Gamma}$;
- (ii) $\Delta_k f = 0$,

(iii) there is a $\mathbb{C}[\mathbb{Z}/2N\mathbb{Z}]$ -valued Fourier polynomial

$$P_f(\tau) = \sum_{h \in (2N)} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0}} c^+(n, h) q^{\frac{n}{4N}} \mathbf{e}_h$$

such that $f(\tau) - P_f(\tau) = O(e^{-\varepsilon v})$ as $v \rightarrow \infty$ for some $\varepsilon > 0$.

Here we have that

$$\Delta_k := -v^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial u^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial v^2} \right) + ikv \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \right)$$

is the usual weight k hyperbolic Laplace operator (see [BF]). The Fourier polynomial P_f is called the *principal part* of f . We denote the vector space of these harmonic Maass forms by $H_{k,\rho}$ (it was called $H_{k,\rho}^+$ in [BF]). Any $f \in H_{k,\rho}$ has a Fourier expansion of the form

$$(17) \quad f(\tau) = \sum_{h \in (2N)} \sum_{\substack{n \in \mathbb{Z} \\ n \gg -\infty}} c^+(n, h) q^{\frac{n}{4N}} \mathbf{e}_h + \sum_{h \in (2N)} \sum_{\substack{n \in \mathbb{Z} \\ n < 0}} c^-(n, h) \Gamma(1-k, 4\pi|n|v) q^{\frac{n}{4N}} \mathbf{e}_h.$$

Recall that there is an antilinear differential operator $\xi = \xi_k : H_{k,\rho} \rightarrow S_{2-k,\bar{\rho}}$, defined by

$$(18) \quad f(\tau) \mapsto \xi(f)(\tau) := 2iv^k \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{\tau}}.$$

Here $\bar{\rho}$ denotes the dual of the representation ρ (which can be identified with the complex conjugate with respect to the standard basis). The map ξ is surjective and its kernel is $M_{k,\rho}^!$.

Let $\Delta \in \mathbb{Z}$ be a *fundamental* discriminant and r be an integer such that $\Delta \equiv r^2 \pmod{4N}$. If $\Delta > 0$ we let $\rho' = \rho$, and if $\Delta < 0$ we let $\rho' = \bar{\rho}$. Let $f \in H_{1/2,\rho'}$ be a harmonic Maass form and denote its Fourier coefficients by $c^\pm(n, h)$ as in (17). Assume that the coefficients $c^+(n, h)$ are real. We associate a degree 0 divisor with f by putting

$$y_{\Delta,r}(f) = \sum_{h \in (2N)} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0}} c^+(n, h) y_{\Delta,r}(n, h).$$

Let $\eta_{\Delta,r}(f)$ be the canonical differential of the third kind on X associated with $y_{\Delta,r}(f)$. In [BO] it is constructed as a regularized theta lift of f and its Fourier expansion is computed. According to [BO, Theorem 5.4] we have:

Theorem 3.1. *Assume that $\Delta \neq 1$. The canonical differential associated with $y_{\Delta,r}(f)$ is given by*

$$\eta_{\Delta,r}(z, f) = -\operatorname{sgn}(\Delta) \sqrt{\Delta} \sum_{n \geq 1} \sum_{d|n} \frac{n}{d} \left(\frac{\Delta}{d} \right) c^+\left(\frac{|\Delta|n^2}{d^2}, \frac{rn}{d}\right) e(nz) \cdot 2\pi i dz.$$

Note that for $\Delta = 1$ the same statement is true if $y_{\Delta,r}(f)$ is corrected by some degree 0 divisor supported at the cusps and the Fourier expansion on the right hand side is corrected by an additional constant term (given by the Weyl vector associated with f at the cusp ∞).

3.3. Fourier coefficients of harmonic Maass forms. We now recall one of the main results of [BO] on the algebraicity of the coefficients of harmonic Maass forms. Let $G \in S_2(N)$ be a normalized newform (in particular a common eigenform of all Hecke operators) of weight 2 and write $K = K_G$ for the field of definition of G . Let $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_G \in \{\pm 1\}$ be the eigenvalue of the Fricke involution on G , that is, $G \mid W_N = \varepsilon G$. Then the sign of the functional equation of the Hecke L -function of G is equal to $-\varepsilon$.

If $\varepsilon = +1$ we put $\rho' = \rho$, and if $\varepsilon = -1$ we put $\rho' = \bar{\rho}$. There is a newform $g \in S_{3/2, \rho'}$ mapping to G under the Shimura correspondence. It is well known that we may normalize g such that all its coefficients are contained in K . According to [BO, Lemma 7.3], there is a harmonic Maass form $f \in H_{1/2, \rho'}$ whose principal part has coefficients in K with the property that

$$\xi_{1/2}(f) = \|g\|^{-2}g.$$

Possibly replacing f by λf and g by g/λ for a suitable positive integer λ , we may actually assume that the principal part of f has coefficients in the ring \mathcal{O}_K of integers of K . This form is then unique up to addition of a weakly holomorphic form in $M_{1/2, \rho'}^!$ whose principal part has coefficients in \mathcal{O}_K . According to [BO, Theorem 7.5], the divisor $y_{\Delta, r}(f)$ defines a point in the G -isotypical component $J(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta}))_K^G$.

Theorem 3.2 (see [BO]). *Let $G \in S_2(N)$ be a normalized newform with $G \mid W_N = \varepsilon G$. Let $g \in S_{3/2, \bar{\rho}'}$ and $f \in H_{1/2, \rho'}$ be as above. Denote the Fourier coefficients of f by $c^\pm(n, h)$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $h \in \mathbb{Z}/2N\mathbb{Z}$. Then the following are true:*

- (1) *If $\Delta \neq 1$ is a fundamental discriminant and $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\Delta \equiv r^2 \pmod{4N}$ and $\varepsilon_G \Delta < 0$, then*

$$L(G, \chi_\Delta, 1) = 8\pi^2 \|G\|^2 \|g\|^2 \sqrt{\frac{|\Delta|}{N}} \cdot c^-(\varepsilon_G \Delta, r)^2.$$

- (2) *If $\Delta \neq 1$ is a fundamental discriminant and $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\Delta \equiv r^2 \pmod{4N}$ and $\varepsilon_G \Delta > 0$, then*

$$L'(G, \chi_\Delta, 1) = 0 \iff c^+(\varepsilon_G \Delta, r) \in \bar{\mathbb{Q}} \iff c^+(\varepsilon_G \Delta, r) \in K.$$

When $S_{1/2, \rho'} = \{0\}$ the above result also holds for $\Delta = 1$, see also [BO, Remark 18]. This is for instance the case when N is a prime. If N is a prime and $\varepsilon = 1$, then the space $H_{1/2, \rho'}$ can be identified with a space of scalar valued modular forms satisfying a Kohnen plus space condition.

We now combine the results of Section 2.1, in particular Corollary 2.7, with Theorem 3.1 to obtain an exact formula for the coefficients $c^+(\varepsilon_G \Delta, r)$ of the holomorphic part of f .

Theorem 3.3. *Let $G \in S_2(N)$ be a normalized newform, and let $\varepsilon \in \{\pm 1\}$ such that $G \mid W_N = \varepsilon G$. Let $g \in S_{3/2, \bar{\rho}'}$ and $f \in H_{1/2, \rho'}$ be as above. Assume that $\Delta \neq 1$ is a fundamental discriminant and $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\Delta \equiv r^2 \pmod{4N}$ and $\varepsilon \Delta > 0$, and let $\zeta_{\Delta, r}(f) \in \mathcal{D}(X, \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta}))_K^\varepsilon$ be the normalized differential of the third kind associated with $y_{\Delta, r}(f)$. Then*

$$c^+(\varepsilon \Delta, r) = \varepsilon \cdot \frac{\Re \langle \zeta_{\Delta, r}(f), C_G^\varepsilon \rangle}{\sqrt{\Delta} \langle \omega_G, C_G^\varepsilon \rangle}.$$

Proof. According to Theorem 3.1, the first Fourier coefficient of $\eta_{\Delta,r}(f)$ is given by

$$-\operatorname{sgn}(\Delta)\sqrt{\Delta}c^+(|\Delta|, r).$$

On the other hand, Corollary 2.7 says that this coefficient is equal to

$$-\frac{\Re\langle\zeta_{\Delta,r}(f), C_G^\varepsilon\rangle}{\langle\omega_G, C_G^\varepsilon\rangle}.$$

This implies the assertion. \square

Remark 3. Note that normalized differentials of the third kind associated with (twisted) Heegner divisors can be constructed explicitly using (a twisted version of) the additive regularized theta lift [Bo, Theorem 14.3] from weakly holomorphic modular forms in $M_{3/2,\rho'}^!$ to $\mathcal{O}(2, 1)$.

4. RATIONAL ELLIPTIC CURVES

In this section we consider the implications of Theorem 3.3 for rational elliptic curves. Let

$$E : y^2 = 4x^3 - g_2x - g_3$$

with $g_2, g_3 \in \mathbb{Q}$ be an elliptic curve over \mathbb{Q} of conductor N . Let $X = X_0(N)$ be the modular curve of level N viewed as a projective algebraic curve over \mathbb{Q} . In view of the work of Wiles et al. [Wi], [BCDT], there exists a modular parameterization

$$\phi : X \longrightarrow E$$

over \mathbb{Q} , that is, a surjective morphism of algebraic curves over \mathbb{Q} that factors through the Jacobian J of X . We may assume that the cusp ∞ of X is mapped to the identity element of E .

Let $\omega_E = dx/y$ be the Néron differential on E . Then multiplicity one implies that

$$\phi^*(\omega_E) = c_E \cdot \omega_G,$$

where $G \in S_2(N)$ is the normalized newform corresponding to E , and c_E denotes the Manin constant. According to [Ed, Proposition 2], c_E is a non-zero integer. Let σ be the automorphism of E induced by complex conjugation. We let C_E^\pm be non-zero elements of $H_1(E, \mathbb{Z})$ such that $\sigma C_E^\pm = \pm C_E^\pm$. Then $H_1(E, \mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{Q}C_E^+ \oplus \mathbb{Q}C_E^-$. Note that for C_E^+ we can take for instance $E(\mathbb{R})$. We denote the corresponding periods by

$$\langle\omega_E, C_E^\pm\rangle = \int_{C_E^\pm} \omega_E.$$

Let k be a number field. If $Q = (x_0, y_0) \in E(k)$, then

$$(19) \quad \beta(Q) := \frac{y_0}{2(x - x_0)} \cdot \omega_E \in \mathcal{D}(E, k)_\mathbb{Q}$$

is a differential of the third kind on E with residue divisor $\frac{1}{2}((Q) - (-Q))$. Its pullback $\phi^*\beta(Q)$ belongs to $\mathcal{D}(X, k)_\mathbb{Q}^G$.

Let $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_G$ be the eigenvalue of the Fricke involution on G . Let $f \in H_{1/2,\rho'}$ be a harmonic Maass form corresponding to G as in Section 3.3. We may assume that the principal part

of f has integral coefficients. Such an f is uniquely determined up to addition of a weakly holomorphic form with integral principal part. Let $\Delta \neq 1$ be a fundamental discriminant and $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\Delta \equiv r^2 \pmod{4N}$ and $\varepsilon\Delta > 0$. Then $y_{\Delta,r}(f)$ defines a $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta})$ -rational point of J which is G -isotypical. By means of the modular parameterization ϕ , we obtain a point $P_{\Delta,r}(f)$ in $E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta}))$. It is mapped to its negative under the non-trivial automorphism of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta})$. We briefly write $\beta_{\Delta,r}(f)$ for the differential of the third kind $\beta(P_{\Delta,r}(f))$ corresponding to $P_{\Delta,r}(f)$ as in (19).

Theorem 4.1. *Let the notation be as above. Then*

$$c^+(\varepsilon\Delta, r) - \frac{\varepsilon c_E}{\sqrt{\Delta} \langle \omega_E, C_E^\varepsilon \rangle} \cdot \Re \int_{C_E^\varepsilon} \beta_{\Delta,r}(f) \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

Proof. We put $k = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta})$. According to Theorem 3.3 we have

$$(20) \quad c^+(\varepsilon\Delta, r) = \varepsilon \cdot \frac{\Re \langle \zeta_{\Delta,r}(f), C_G^\varepsilon \rangle}{\sqrt{\Delta} \langle \omega_G, C_G^\varepsilon \rangle}.$$

We chose the generator $C_G^\varepsilon \in H_1^{\varepsilon,G}(X, \mathbb{R})$ such that $\phi_*(C_G^\varepsilon) = C_E^\varepsilon$. Then we have

$$\langle \omega_G, C_G^\varepsilon \rangle = \frac{1}{c_E} \int_{C_G^\varepsilon} \phi^*(\omega_E) = \frac{1}{c_E} \langle \omega_E, C_E^\varepsilon \rangle.$$

The pullback $\phi^*\beta_{\Delta,r}(f)$ belongs to $\mathcal{D}(X, k)_{\mathbb{Q}}^G$. The same is true for $\zeta_{\Delta,r}(f)$. Moreover, by construction, the residue divisors of both differentials define the same point in the Jacobian. Hence, according to Proposition 2.3, there is an $A_0 \in k$ and a $\gamma \in \mathcal{P}(X, k)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ such that

$$\zeta_{\Delta,r}(f) - \phi^*\beta_{\Delta,r}(f) = A_0\omega_G + \gamma.$$

The non-trivial automorphism of k takes the left hand side to its negative. Hence the same must be true for the right hand side. In particular, we have $A_0 = A_1/\sqrt{\Delta}$ for some $A_1 \in \mathbb{Q}$. We obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \Re \langle \zeta_{\Delta,r}(f), C_G^\varepsilon \rangle &= \Re \langle \phi^*\beta_{\Delta,r}(f), C_G^\varepsilon \rangle + \frac{A_1}{\sqrt{\Delta}} \langle \omega_G, C_G^\varepsilon \rangle \\ &= \Re \int_{C_E^\varepsilon} \beta_{\Delta,r}(f) + \frac{A_1 \langle \omega_E, C_E^\varepsilon \rangle}{c_E \sqrt{\Delta}}. \end{aligned}$$

Inserting this into (20), we find that

$$c^+(\varepsilon\Delta, r) = \frac{\varepsilon c_E}{\sqrt{\Delta} \langle \omega_E, C_E^\varepsilon \rangle} \cdot \Re \int_{C_E^\varepsilon} \beta_{\Delta,r}(f) + \frac{\varepsilon A_1}{\Delta}.$$

This concludes the proof of the theorem. \square

The map $\varphi : E \rightarrow E_\Delta$, $(x, y) \mapsto (\Delta x, \Delta^{3/2}y)$, defines an isomorphism over $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta})$ of E and its quadratic twist

$$E_\Delta : v^2 = 4u^3 - \Delta^2 g_2 u - \Delta^3 g_3.$$

We chose C_E^ε such that $\varphi_*(C_E^\varepsilon) = E_\Delta(\mathbb{R})$. The image under φ of $P_{\Delta,r}(f) \in E(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta}))$ defines a rational point $(u_0, v_0) \in E_\Delta(\mathbb{Q})$. If

$$\alpha_{\Delta,r}(f) = \frac{v_0}{2(u - u_0)} \cdot \omega_{E_\Delta} \in \mathcal{D}(E_\Delta, \mathbb{Q})$$

denotes the corresponding differential of the third kind as in (19), then

$$\int_{E_\Delta(\mathbb{R})} \alpha_{\Delta,r}(f) = \int_{C_E^\varepsilon} \beta_{\Delta,r}(f).$$

Moreover, the real period $\Omega(E_\Delta) = \int_{E_\Delta(\mathbb{R})} \omega_{E_\Delta}$ of E_Δ is equal to $\langle \omega_E, C_E^\varepsilon \rangle / \sqrt{\Delta}$. We obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 4.2. *Let the notation be as above. Then*

$$\Delta c^+(\varepsilon\Delta, r) - \frac{\varepsilon c_E}{\Omega(E_\Delta)} \cdot \Re \int_{E_\Delta(\mathbb{R})} \alpha_{\Delta,r}(f) \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

We now discuss how this result could probably be refined to obtain that the difference of $\Delta c^+(\varepsilon\Delta, r)$ and a period integral similar to the one above is contained in $\frac{1}{4}\mathbb{Z}$. Let

$$(21) \quad W : y^2 + A_1xy + A_3y = x^3 + A_2x^2 + A_4x + A_6$$

be a minimal Weierstrass model for E over \mathbb{Z} . Let $\mathcal{W} \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}}^2$ be the closed subscheme defined by W . Let $\omega_W = \frac{dx}{2y + A_1x + A_3}$ be the Néron differential on W .

Lemma 4.3. *Let $P \in W(\mathbb{Q})$ and denote by $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{W}(\mathbb{Z})$ the Zariski closure of P . There exists a rational section $\underline{\alpha}(P)$ of the sheaf $\Omega_{\mathcal{W}/\mathbb{Z}}^1$ of relative differentials such that*

- (i) *the induced differential on $\mathcal{W}_{\mathbb{Q}}$ has residue divisor $\frac{1}{2}((P) - (-P))$,*
- (ii) *the differential $4\underline{\alpha}(P)$ is regular on \mathcal{W} up to first order poles on \mathcal{P} and $-\mathcal{P}$.*

The differential $\underline{\alpha}(P)$ is unique up to addition of an integral multiple of $\frac{1}{4}\omega_W$.

Proof. We write $P = (x_0, y_0)$ with $x_0, y_0 \in \mathbb{Q}$. For any $t \in \mathbb{Q}$, the rational differential

$$(22) \quad \delta_t(P) = \left(\frac{2y_0 + A_1x_0 + A_3}{x - x_0} + t \right) \omega_W$$

has residue divisor $2(P) - 2(-P)$. It defines a rational section of $\Omega_{\mathcal{W}/\mathbb{Z}}^1$ with first order poles on \mathcal{P} and $-\mathcal{P}$ and possible additional poles along vertical divisors of \mathcal{W} . We show that t can be chosen such that there are no vertical poles. Then we can take $\underline{\alpha}(P) = \frac{1}{4}\delta_t(P)$.

First, notice that $\frac{A_1x_0 + A_3}{x - x_0}\omega_W$ has no vertical poles. Therefore it suffices to find a $t \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that

$$\beta_t(P) := \left(\frac{2y_0}{x - x_0} + t \right) \omega_W$$

has no vertical poles. We write $x_0 = a/b$ with $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ coprime and $y_0 = c/d$ with $c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ coprime. Since P satisfies (21), we have

$$(23) \quad b^3c^2 + A_1acb^2d + A_3cb^3d = a^3d^2 + A_2a^2bd^2 + A_4ab^2d^2 + A_6b^3d^2.$$

It is easily seen that b divides d , so $d = bd'$ for some $d' \in \mathbb{Z}$. Substituting this into (23), we see that d' has to divide b . We write $b = d'b'$ with $b' \in \mathbb{Z}$. We take $t = s/d'$ with some $s \in \mathbb{Z}$ which will be specified below. We obtain

$$\beta_{s/d'}(P) = \frac{2c - as + b'd'sx}{d'(bx - a)} \cdot \omega_W.$$

Since d' divides b , and since $(b, a) = 1$, we have $(d', a) = 1$. Therefore, we may choose $s \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $2c \equiv as \pmod{d'}$. Then $2c - as = ud'$ with some $u \in \mathbb{Z}$. We obtain that

$$\beta_{s/d'}(P) = \frac{u + b'sx}{bx - a} \cdot \omega_W.$$

Since $(a, b) = 1$, this differential defines a rational section of $\Omega_{W/\mathbb{Z}}^1$ with no vertical poles. This concludes the proof of the existence of $\underline{\alpha}(P)$.

If $\underline{\alpha}'(P)$ is another differential satisfying (i) and (ii), then $4(\underline{\alpha}(P) - \underline{\alpha}'(P))$ is a regular section of $\Omega_{W/\mathbb{Z}}^1$. Hence it is an integral multiple of ω_W . This proves the uniqueness statement. \square

We write $\underline{\alpha}_{\Delta, r}(f)$ for a differential on a minimal Weierstrass model of E_Δ corresponding to the point $P_{\Delta, r}(f)$ as in Lemma 4.3.

Conjecture 4.4. *Let the notation be as above. Then*

$$\Delta c^+(\varepsilon\Delta, r) - \frac{\varepsilon c_E}{\Omega(E_\Delta)} \cdot \Re \int_{W_\Delta(\mathbb{R})} \underline{\alpha}_{\Delta, r}(f) \in \frac{1}{4}\mathbb{Z}.$$

In Section 4.1 we present some numerical evidence for the conjecture, see Table 3.

4.1. Examples. Here we illustrate Corollary 4.2 in an example and present some numerical computations supporting Conjecture 4.4. We begin by briefly discussing how to compute the periods of differentials of the third kind on elliptic curves as in Corollary 4.2.

Let $E : y^2 = 4x^3 - g_2x - g_3$ be any elliptic curve over \mathbb{Q} . If $Q = (x_0, y_0) \in E(\mathbb{Q})$, we consider the algebraic differential of the third kind $\beta(Q)$ with residue divisor $\frac{1}{2}((Q) - (-Q))$ defined in (19). Let $L = \mathbb{Z}\mu + \mathbb{Z}\nu$ be the period lattice of (E, ω_E) . We assume that E has real 2-torsion (as in our example (24) below). Then we may choose μ and ν such that $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\nu \in i\mathbb{R}$. Let $\wp(z)$ be the Weierstrass function corresponding to L . The pullback of $\beta(Q)$ to the complex uniformization \mathbb{C}/L of E is equal to

$$\frac{y_0}{\wp(z) - x_0} \cdot \frac{dz}{2}.$$

Consequently, the period $\Re \int_{E(\mathbb{R})} \beta(Q)$ is equal to

$$\Re \int_{u=0}^{\mu} \frac{y_0}{\wp(u + iv) - x_0} \frac{du}{2}$$

when $E(\mathbb{R})$ is connected, and equal to twice this quantity when $E(\mathbb{R})$ has two components. Here the integration is over the straight line connecting iv and $\mu + iv$ for a v such that the line is disjoint to Q and $-Q$. Such integrals can be conveniently numerically computed using Maple.

We consider the elliptic curve

$$(24) \quad E : y^2 = 4x^3 - 4x + 1$$

of conductor 37, which is the curve of smallest conductor with infinite Mordell-Weil group. It has a modular parameterization by the modular curve $X_0(37)$, under which the Néron differential ω_E corresponds to the unique normalized Hecke eigenform $G \in S_2(\Gamma_0(37))$ which is invariant under the Fricke involution. So $\varepsilon_G = +1$, and the Hecke L -function $L(G, s)$ has an odd functional equation. The Manin constant of E is equal to 1 and the real period is given by

$$\Omega(E) = 5.98691729246391925966 \dots$$

Since the level N is a prime, the space $S_{3/2, \bar{\rho}}$ is isomorphic to the space of scalar valued cusp forms of weight $3/2$ for $\Gamma_0(4 \cdot 37)$ satisfying the Kohnen plus space condition. Analogously, $H_{1/2, \rho}$ is isomorphic to the space of scalar valued harmonic Maass forms of weight $1/2$ for $\Gamma_0(4 \cdot 37)$ satisfying the Kohnen plus space condition. In particular, the coefficients of f , the divisors $y_{\Delta, r}(f)$, and the differentials $\alpha_{\Delta, r}(f)$ only depend on Δ and not on the choice of r . Therefore we drop r from the notation throughout this subsection.

We let f be the unique harmonic Maass form of weight $1/2$ for $\Gamma_0(4 \cdot 37)$ in the plus space with Fourier expansion

$$f(\tau) = \sum_{n \gg -\infty} c^+(n)q^n + \sum_{n < 0} c^-(n)\Gamma(1/2, 4\pi|n|v)q^n,$$

whose holomorphic part f^+ has the form

$$f^+(\tau) = q^{-3} + O(q).$$

Its image under ξ is a non-zero multiple of the weight $3/2$ cusp form g corresponding to G under the Shimura correspondence. For details on the numerical computation of the coefficients of f we refer to [BS].

In Table 2 we list for the first fundamental discriminants Δ (satisfying the Heegner hypothesis), the coefficient $c^+(\Delta)$ of f , the Heegner point $P_\Delta(f)$ on the quadratic twist

$$(25) \quad E_\Delta : y^2 = 4x^3 - 4\Delta^2x + \Delta^3,$$

and the difference

$$\Delta c^+(\Delta) - \frac{1}{\Omega(E_\Delta)} \Re \left(\int_{E_\Delta(\mathbb{R})} \alpha_\Delta(f) \right).$$

(For $\Delta = 77$ and $\Delta = 101$ we omit some entries, since they would make the table too wide. These entries can easily be recovered from the corresponding entries of Table 3.) The data was computed using Magma. For instance, the first line of Table 2 says that

$$c^+(1) = \frac{1}{\Omega(E)} \Re \left(\int_{E(\mathbb{R})} \frac{1}{2x} \frac{dx}{y} \right),$$

and the numerical values confirm this up to 20 digits.

In Table 3 we collect the data which is required for testing Conjecture 4.4. A minimal Weierstrass model for the quadratic twist E_Δ is given by

$$W_\Delta : \begin{cases} y^2 + y = x^3 - \Delta^2 x + (\Delta^3 - 1)/4, & \text{if } \Delta \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ y^2 = x^3 - \Delta^2 x + \Delta^3/4, & \text{if } \Delta \equiv 4 \pmod{8}, \\ y^2 = x^3 - 2^{-4}\Delta^2 x + 2^{-8}\Delta^3, & \text{if } \Delta \equiv 0 \pmod{8}. \end{cases}$$

In the table we list for the first fundamental discriminants Δ (satisfying the Heegner hypothesis), the Heegner point $P_\Delta(f)$ on W_Δ , a $t \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that the associated differential in (22) has no vertical poles, and the difference

$$\Delta c^+(\Delta) - \frac{1}{\Omega(E_\Delta)} \Re \left(\int_{W_\Delta(\mathbb{R})} \underline{\alpha}_\Delta(f) \right).$$

We find that the data is in accordance with the conjecture. Note that the pullback of $\underline{\alpha}_\Delta(f)$ to E_Δ is equal to the differential $\alpha_\Delta(f) + \frac{t}{2}\omega_{E_\Delta}$.

TABLE 2. Coefficients of f and periods of E_Δ

Δ	$c^+(\Delta)$	$P_\Delta(f)$	difference
1	-0.28176178498959956879 ...	$(0, -1)$	0
12	-0.48852723826201225228 ...	$(1, -34)$	-5
21	-0.17273925723265275652 ...	$(-\frac{335}{36}, -\frac{16183}{108})$	$-\frac{13}{6}$
28	0.67819399530394779828 ...	$(-31, -2)$	19
33	0.56630232015906998168 ...	$(4, -137)$	20
37	-0.91326561374611652958 ...	$(\frac{1009}{16}, -\frac{26935}{32})$	$-\frac{159}{4}$
40	0.40098509269543637915 ...	$(41, 278)$	19
41	0.65637495744757231959 ...	$(-\frac{344}{9}, \frac{8647}{27})$	$\frac{77}{3}$
44	0.96886404434506397321 ...	$(-\frac{46415}{1089}, -\frac{11674766}{35937})$	$\frac{1445}{33}$
53	-0.56688852568232517859 ...	$(-\frac{31839893674511}{880695910116}, -\frac{250032127988213200169}{413246299816000332})$	$-\frac{26273369}{938454}$
65	-0.60328072889521477971 ...	$(\frac{27106}{225}, -\frac{7720117}{3375})$	$-\frac{716}{15}$
73	0.34874711835362408853 ...	$(19, -107)$	26
77	0.22699132373705254600 ...		
85	-0.76894617048676272061 ...	$(\frac{3649681}{24336}, -\frac{5933836871}{1898208})$	$-\frac{11651}{156}$
101	0.24818308694720288319 ...		

TABLE 3. The differentials $\underline{\alpha}_\Delta(f)$ and the associated periods

Δ	$P_\Delta(f)$ on W_Δ	t	difference
1	$(0, -1)$	0	0
12	$(1, -17)$	0	-5
21	$(-\frac{335}{36}, -\frac{16291}{216})$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$-\frac{5}{2}$
28	$(-31, -1)$	0	19
33	$(4, -69)$	0	20
37	$(\frac{1009}{16}, -\frac{26967}{64})$	$\frac{1}{2}$	-40
40	$(\frac{41}{4}, \frac{139}{8})$	0	19
41	$(-\frac{344}{9}, \frac{4310}{27})$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{51}{2}$
44	$(-\frac{46415}{1089}, -\frac{5837383}{35937})$	$\frac{19}{33}$	$\frac{87}{2}$
53	$(-\frac{31839893674511}{880695910116}, -\frac{250445374288029200501}{826492599632000664})$	$\frac{3343}{469227}$	-28
65	$(\frac{27106}{225}, -\frac{3861746}{3375})$	$\frac{8}{15}$	-48
73	$(19, -54)$	0	26
77	$(\frac{1235881089099494174401}{82698967120806384516}, -\frac{128149977004435661308438102403131}{752055909346945729449269442936})$	$\frac{4419608516}{4546948623}$	$\frac{37}{2}$
85	$(\frac{3649681}{24336}, -\frac{5933836871}{3796416})$	$\frac{49}{78}$	-75
101	$(-\frac{4173521444186083063919}{290103403887032491044}, \frac{3127875148403162348360128767106003}{4941163638674647451583112332072})$	$\frac{7179562186}{8516211069}$	$\frac{43}{2}$

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